AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for generating a list of candidate alternative spellings, comprising:

finding, among a plurality of files, a first file that contains a link that indicates a first spelling that is also contained in a query that was entered by a user, wherein said link links to a second file;

searching, within said second file, for any spellings that satisfy particular criteria;

wherein said particular criteria includes that said spellings are spelled similarly to, but not exactly the same as, said first spelling;

adding, to a list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling, all spellings within [[the]] said second document that satisfy [[the]] said particular criteria;

generating a filtered list at least in part by filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings based on a comparison of (a) a first frequency of occurrences of said first spelling in said plurality of files to (b) a second frequency of occurrences, in said plurality of files, of a second spelling from said list of candidate alternative spellings; and

storing said filtered list of candidate alternative spellings on a computer-readable storage medium.

2-6.   (Canceled)

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said first spelling comprises multiple words and wherein said [[a]] second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings comprises multiple words.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings further comprises: comprising:

in response to determining that said first frequency is greater than said second frequency, removing said second spelling from said list of candidate alternative spellings.

~~filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on a~~

~~comparison of frequencies of occurrences of said first spelling in said plurality of~~

~~files and frequencies of occurrences of a second spelling from said list in said~~

~~plurality of files.~~

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether

said first spelling is a plural form of [[a]] <u>said</u> second spelling ~~in said list of~~

~~candidate alternative spellings~~.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether

[[a]] <u>said</u> second spelling ~~in said list of candidate alternative spellings~~ is a plural

form of said first spelling.

11.   (Currently Amended) A volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium

carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more

processors, causes the one or more processors to perform steps comprising:

finding, among a plurality of files, a first file that contains a link that indicates a first

spelling that <u>is also contained in a query that </u>was entered by a user, wherein said

link links to a second file;

searching, within said second file, for any spellings that satisfy particular criteria;

wherein said particular criteria includes that said spellings are spelled similarly to, but not

exactly the same as, said first spelling;

<u>adding, to a list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling, all spellings within</u>

<u>said second document that satisfy said particular criteria;</u>

<u>generating a filtered list at least in part by filtering said list of candidate alternative</u>

<u>spellings based on a comparison of (a) a first frequency of occurrences of said first</u>

<u>spelling in said plurality of files to (b) a second frequency of occurrences, in said</u>

<u>plurality of files, of a second spelling from said list of candidate alternative</u>

<u>spellings; and</u>

<u>storing said filtered list on a computer-readable storage medium.</u>

adding, to a list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling, all spellings within the second document that satisfy the particular criteria; and

storing said list of candidate alternative spellings on a computer-readable storage medium.

12-16.   (Canceled)

17.   (Currently Amended) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein said first spelling comprises multiple words and [[a]] wherein said second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings comprises multiple words.

18.   (Currently Amended) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings further comprises:
in response to determining that said first frequency is greater than said second frequency, removing said second spelling from said list of candidate alternative spellings.
wherein the steps further comprise:
filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on a comparison of frequencies of occurrences of said first spelling in said plurality of files and frequencies of occurrences of a second spelling from said list in said plurality of files.

19.   (Currently Amended) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:
filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether said first spelling is a plural form of [[a]] said second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings.

20.   (Currently Amended) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:
filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on whether [[a]] said second spelling in said list of candidate alternative spellings is a plural form of said first spelling.

21.   (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

receiving, at a search engine, from said user, query terms that contain said first spelling.

22.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

presenting, to said user, one or more spellings from said <u>filtered</u> list.

23.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

conducting a search <u>of said plurality of files</u> based on <u>a</u> query ~~terms~~ in which said first

spelling has been replaced by a spelling from said list <u>but wherein query terms</u>

<u>other than said first spelling remain as entered by said user</u>; and

presenting, to said user, one or more results of said search.

24.   (Previously presented) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of

Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:

receiving, at a search engine, from said user, query terms that contain said first spelling.

25.   (Currently Amended) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of

Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:

presenting, to said user, one or more spellings from said <u>filtered</u> list.

26.   (Currently Amended) The volatile or non-volatile computer-readable storage medium of

Claim 11, wherein the steps further comprise:

conducting a search <u>of said plurality of files</u> based on <u>a</u> query ~~terms~~ in which said first

spelling has been replaced by a spelling from said list <u>but wherein query terms</u>

<u>other than said first spelling remain as entered by said user</u>; and

presenting, to said user, one or more results of said search.